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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1074

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 20, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Student Instructional Days.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Ober

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that a school placed in the highest category or designation of academic performance is not required to conduct a school year that consists of at least 180 student instructional days if the school conducts at least an equivalent number of hours of student instructional time.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill would permit a school that placed in the highest academic performance category (eligible school) to modify its calendar from the current 180-day minimum school year to a different calendar; the number of hours of instructional time must be the same as under current law (900 hours for Grades 1 to 6; 1080 for Grades 7 to 12).

Based on the results for the 2011-12 school year, approximately 856 schools (41% of all public schools) would qualify for this provision.

Removing the restriction on the required number of instructional days would permit eligible schools to be more flexible in managing their school calendars without fear of being penalized (current law provides for a reduction in tuition support for each day under the 180-day requirement). For example, increasing the number of hours per instructional day by half an hour would decrease the school year for Grades 1 to 6 by approximately 16

days, and for Grades 7 to 12 by approximately 13 days.

This, in turn, could lead to a possible decrease in administrative costs in eligible schools. For example, transportation costs are currently about \$2.8 M per day statewide so any reduction in instructional days could lead to substantial savings. Eligible schools might also have reduced utility and school lunch expenditures. Additionally, eligible schools would no longer be required to make up lost days due to inclement weather as long as they meet the number of instructional hours stated in the bill.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Schools.

Information Sources: Department of Education website,
<http://compass.doe.in.gov/dashboard/reportcard.aspx?type=state>

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